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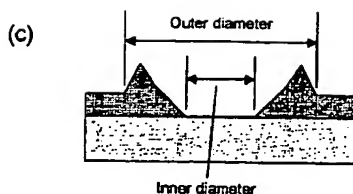
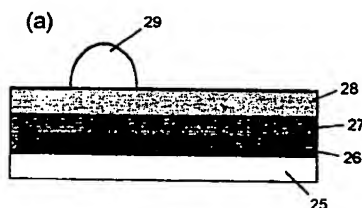
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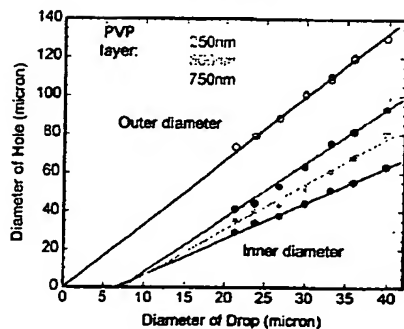
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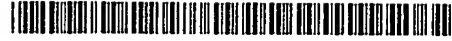


(57) Abstract: A method for forming an electronic device, comprising: forming a first conductive or semiconductive layer; forming a sequence of at least one insulating layer and at least one semiconducting layer over the first conductive or semiconductive layer; locally depositing solvents at a localised region of the insulating layer so as to dissolve the sequence of insulating and semiconducting layers in the region to leave a void extending through the sequence of layers; and depositing conductive or semiconductive material in the void.



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1. Claims: 1-38,44-49

Patterning of organic insulating layers by selective etching

The prior Art describes a field effect transistor substantially consisting of organic materials.

The new features mentioned in claims 1-38 are contact holes, made in organic dielectric layers by wet etching using an ink-jet printing system to locally supply the etch liquid.

From this we can formulate an objective problem of making contact holes in organic dielectric layers by wet etching using an ink-jet printing system to locally supply the etch liquid.

The special technical features, as defined in Rule 13(2) PCT, are contact holes, made in organic dielectric layers by wet etching using an ink-jet printing system to locally supply the etch liquid.

2. Claims: 39-43

Selective doping of organic insulating layers

The prior Art describes a field effect transistor substantially consisting of organic materials.

The new features mentioned in claims 1-38 are conductive (interconnection) patterns made by selective doping organic insulating layers to make them conductive. The dopants are applied using an ink-jet printing system.

From this we can formulate an objective problem of making conductive patterns made by selective doping organic insulating layers to make them conductive, applying the dopants are using an ink-jet printing system.

The special technical features, as defined in Rule 13(2) PCT, are conductive (interconnection) patterns made by selective doping organic insulating layers to make them conductive. The dopants are applied using an ink-jet printing system.

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